Torrance, California November 20, 1951

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 8:05 P.M. on Tuesday, November 20, 1951, Mayor Haggard presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. Absent: COUNCILMEN: Blount. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

All persons present participated in the salute to Our Flag.

This being an adjourned regular meeting, Mayor Haggard announced the regular order of business would be dispensed with and advised the audience this was the time and place for the continued hearing of protests in the matter of Municipal Water District No. 3 of the City of Torrance, and asked the City Clerk if any written protests had been filed. Clerk Bartlett replied that no protests had been received. The Mayor then asked if anyone in the audience desired to be heard on the matter. There being none, the Mayor stated: "There being no one who desires to be heard in this matter, and evidence on the jurisdictional facts having been taken at the hearing on November 13, the hearing is now closed. The Clerk will now present the Ordinance calling the election for January 8".

Clerk Bartlett then read title to:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA CALLING, PROVIDING FOR AND GIVING NOTICE OF A SPE-CIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 8. 1952, WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 3 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID DISTRICT OF THE PROPOSI-TION OF INCURRING A DEBT BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF SUCH DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000 TO PAY THE COSTS AND EXPENSES OF ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING WATER WORKS FOR SAID DISTRICT.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount. Councilman Karlow moved that Ordinance No. 579 be deemed to have had its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount. The Mayor advised the Ordinance would be adopted, for its second and final reading, at the regular meeting of November 27th.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Letter signed by 21 physicians of the City relative to the number of fatal and crippling accidents resulting from highway collisions in which one of the vehicles involved is an ambulance and urging the City prohibit the use of sirens, gongs, etc., by ambulance operators in the City, reserving such use for the Police and Fire Departments; and that all ambulances approach all street intersections under controlable speed. The letter stated that "it is extremely rare that a few minutes salvaged by hazardous driving favorably affects the outcome of the case being transported." Councilman Drale moved the communication be referred to the Traffic Commission for its recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The representative of the Torrance Press asked if there were any new developments on the Truman Browne case and City Attorney Hall advised he hoped the matter could be disposed of without litigation. He stated he had heard nothing from Mr. Browne's attorney today.

There being no other communications, at 8:15 P.M. Councilman Spelman moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

APPROVED:

MAYOR OF THE CITY